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Elba City Council borrows \$125,000 to fund day-to-day operations

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council took a stab Monday night at settling two potentially costly lawsuits, approved borrowing \$125,000 and adopted a paid funeral leave policy for employees.

Following an executive session of one hour and fifteen minutes, the city council approved a motion to settle two wrongful firing lawsuits filed last October against the City of Elba.

A motion was made by council

member Bill Brunson to authorize settlements in accordance with some June 30th correspondence and pay the settlements in installments. No details were released on the settlement offers. Indications were that details would be released once a settlement is finalized.

The vote was three for, one against and one abstaining. Voting for the motion were Brunson, council member Gladys Yelverton and Mayor Ricky Haywood. Opposing was council member Earl McCollough while council member Brad Wilson abstained. Council member John W. Sharpless was out of town.

Following the meeting Wilson explained his position and his reason for not voting on the settlement offer. He said, "I would not vote against the settlement because it was in the best interest of the city and the taxpayers to settle the lawsuits." He continued, "I did not vote for it because the two employees were fired

on the Wednesday before I was sworn into office, therefore none of it was of my doings."

Finalizing any accepted settlement will take at least a week, at best. First a written offer to settle must be sent to attorneys for the two men, exact legal terminology agreed upon by the employees, their attorneys, city officials and their attorneys and the federal judge. Then, and only then, can the fired employees return to work, if that is in fact part of the settlement agreement.

The \$125,000 was borrowed to fund day-to-day operations for the balance of the fiscal year. Bookkeeper Murry Hardwick had told council members last week that he would need almost \$100,000 to pay current invoices.

Haywood reminded council members they had also been told there wouldn't be enough money to make payroll this week without some borrowed money.

Item eight on the printed city council agenda called for approval of borrowing \$200,000. However, Haywood said he felt the lesser amount would be enough.

The mayor reported he had contacted both local banks and had received identical offers of five percent interest on a six month note. He said however that SouthTrust needed several days to process the loan and review accounting figures from the city's auditors while The Peoples Bank would make the funds available immediately.

Haywood recommended the council approve borrowing \$125,000 from The Peoples Bank for six months at the five percent interest. He said, "In order for the city to operate, we're going to have to borrow the money."

No decision was made on how the money would be repaid. The mayor noted the new sales tax wasn't going to retire this debt, it was needed for operations. He suggested re-establishing a city court to handle traffic violations and other misdemeanors. The mayor explained that since the District Attorney's office stopped handling these cases for

the city, the cost was up sharply. He said a city court would make money for Elba.

Council member Earl McCollough reported to the council with a recommended paid funeral leave policy which was accepted. This will be in addition to annual or sick leave.

A three day funeral leave is available upon the death of a member of the immediate family. Verification must be provided upon request. This leave "may be taken any time after the death and up to and including one calendar day past the day of the funeral."

A one day funeral leave is available (on the day of the funeral) upon the death of a grandchild, grandparent or spouse's grandparent, brother-in-law or sister-in-law. This is only if the funeral is "on the employee's regularly scheduled work day."

City Attorney Mark Vaughan reported on a land line question at the new Elba landfill, off the Samson Highway. Flack-Haney had purchased the timber on the property and a question of the land line arose with adjoining property owners.

Vaughan said his firm had certified the property lines in the 1960's

for the Mulberry Association and again when the city purchased the land. He said the same description was used when the timber was sold.

Vaughan said an old fence was not on the property line. He explained that "adverse possession" does not apply to governments or to charities, therefore the "line is the line." The attorney advised city officials to allow the timber company to cut the trees and not refund their money.

Monthly bills totaling \$21,825.71 were approved for payment. Assistant Police Chief Maxwell Hooks gave the police report. He told of the department receiving 26 complaints and issuing 17 traffic citations.

The three traffic citations included three for parking in a handicapped zone. Haywood asked Hooks to instruct the officers issuing these citations to follow up in the courts and report back to the council. He noted that if the courts were not convicting these violators, there was no need to ticket them.

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Rotary's District Governor visits local Club

Ken Washburn, District Governor of Rotary District 6580, visited Elba Rotary Club on August 2, 1994 to assist with their club, district and international activities.

A member of the Ozark Rotary Club since 1960, Washburn has served as director, treasurer, vice-president and president of the Ozark Club.

The District Governor is a pharmacist by profession having practiced since 1952, upon his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic, now Auburn University.

He has involved himself in his community by serving as a member of the Ozark Housing Authority, the Ozark-Dale County Chamber of Commerce, the Ozark Country Club Board, as a director in the Bank of Ozark, and various other activities.

His primary interests lie in the



PLANNING SESSION...Pictured above are (l-r): Ralph Bradley, Tim Johnson, Ken Washburn, and Kenneth Calhoun.

NEWS BRIEF

A special session of the Coffee County, Enterprise Division Grand Jury met Tuesday, August 9, 1994, and handed down the following indictments:

- (1) Robert Earl Council, age 30, 614 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (2) Larry Junior Brooks, age 32, 600 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (3) Willie L. Adams, age 21, 512 W. Hildreth St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (4) Dale Edward Green, age 38, 610 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.

All four men were charged in the shooting death of Ronald Talmadge Henderson, age 30, of Route 2, Enterprise, AL.

The murder allegedly occurred in Enterprise on Sunday, July 17.

Capital murder carries a penalty of death or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

field of school boards. The District Governor was appointed to the Ozark City School Board in 1974 and has served as its chairman four terms.

Washburn was elected as a director of the Alabama Association of School Boards in 1988, first vice-president for the year 1992-93. Currently, he is serving as president of the Alabama Association of School Boards.

The District governor has targeted for the South Alabama district 6580 the following goals:

- 1) A contribution of \$40 per member for each club in the district to the Rotary Foundation.
- 2) A growth in Rotary membership of one member for every 25 members in the club.
- 3) The addition of 4 Interact Clubs in the district.
- 4) Each club is targeted as a recipient on a Presidential Citation.

Rotary Clubs in District 6580 are involved in many community service activities. The Elba Rotary Club is active in an annual Christmas Sale to benefit local charities, Chins-Up Camp, and sponsor of Elba High School's Interact Club.

This year's local Rotary Club officers are: Tim Johnson, president; Kenneth Calhoun, president-elect; and Ralph Bradley, secretary & treasurer.

HAPPENINGS

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION. Elba Elementary School will have kindergarten orientation Friday, August 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the elementary school. All kindergarten students and parents should attend. They will meet the kindergarten teachers, go to their classrooms, and receive information about the opening week of school. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's kindergarten supplies and money for lunch and juice. This will make the first day of school easier for the kindergarten students, parents, and teachers.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN. Coffee County Schools (Zion Chapel, New Brockton, & Kinston) will begin classes on Tuesday, August 16, with a full day of classes. Buses will run and lunches will be served. Teachers and support personnel will report to work on Monday, August 15th. Elba City Schools will begin classes on Monday, August 22, 1994. Teachers and support personnel will report to work on Thursday & Friday, Aug. 18 & 19.

It may not be the Hoover Dam, but to the two men working to restore the Elba Dam, it is just as important.

Ben Ammons and Jesse Blenn are fulfilling a dream as well as rising to the challenge of once again having the Pea River generate electrical power.

In 1966, the power house at the Elba Dam, located on the Pea River just south of Elba, was "taken off line" and no longer fed power into transmission lines.

According to records acquired by Blenn during his research, construction of the dam began 1916. The dam actually began generating power in the mid 1920's.

The dam was constructed during Charles Henderson's term as Governor of the State of Alabama.

After its completion, it was operated by Pea River Power company and supplied electrical power to Elba, Troy, and the surrounding area.

The operation of the dam was later taken over by Alabama Electric which wholesaled power to local towns and cooperatives. No exact date of the transfer of ownership was known by Ammons or Blenn.

The dam continued to generate power until the mid-sixties, at which time AEC determined it was no longer economically feasible to maintain the dam.

At some point after the dam was shut down, the ownership was transferred to the City of Elba. Several ideas were considered by city officials on how to develop the property but nothing was ever done.

In 1992, Ben Ammons negotiated a deal to purchase the dam from the City of Elba.

Mr. Ammons, a native of North Carolina, has always been interested in power dams. After his retirement, he actively pursued his interest.

For twenty-five years, Ammons was a commercial pilot for Eastern Airlines. In fact, he flew the last plane to fly for Eastern back to Atlanta on its final flight.

In his search for a "small" dam to restore, he followed several leads in North Carolina but none were successful. The state has several dams similar to the one in Elba.

During his quest for a dam, he remembered the dam on the Pea River. He had seen the dam while flying as a crop duster pilot in this area during the 60's.

He contacted a long-time friend

in Coffee County, James Farris, who told him that the Elba Dam had been closed and possibly was available.

Ammons said, "I knew that James knew a lot of people in Coffee County and he would know or could find out what I wanted to know."

Ammons made contact with city officials and made his deal. He had a dam!

To assist him in his work, Ammons contacted Blenn and the two men began the task of bringing the "old dam" to life.

Blenn had had some experience in restoring dams such as the one in Elba. He did this type work in Latin America for about 10 years.

Neither of the men have engineering degrees but they do have an

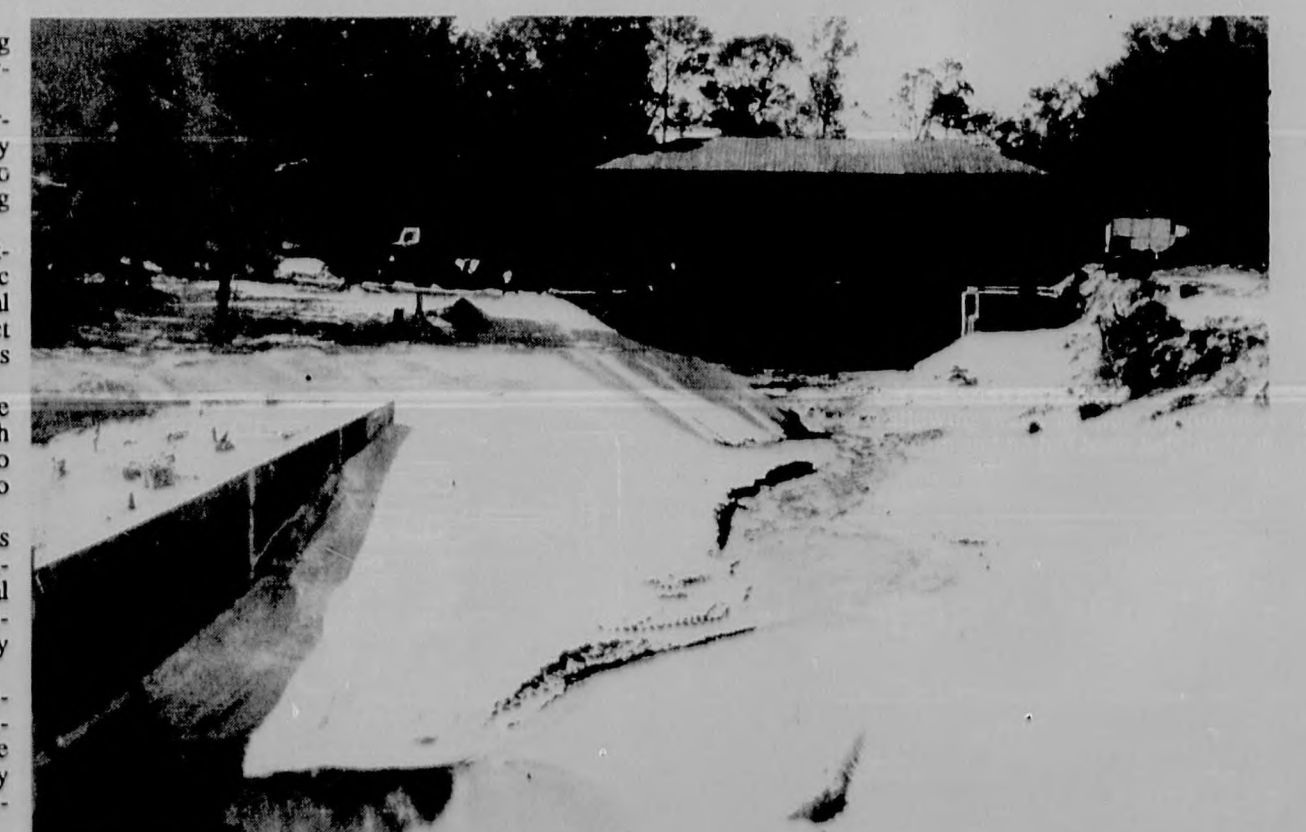
abundance of practical experience and more than enough desire.

"Much of the work, since undertaking the restoration of the dam, has been tearing out," said Ammons. "We knew from the beginning that it was going to be a long, slow process and lots of hard work."

Much of the work has been in locating parts with which to repair the generators. For the most part, old generators which will be compatible with this type operation, have had to be located. They in-turn have had to be rebuilt.

Originally, the dam housed three

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POWERHOUSE AT THE ELBA DAM...The recent flood waters in July washed sand back into the once cleared canal that channeled water from the Pea River into the turbine inlets located in the powerhouse.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba city officials voted Monday night to attempt a final settlement of the two pending wrongful firing lawsuits. We agree with this effort. While the idea is hard to swallow, refusing to settle would probably just increase the cost. Evidence of that is the fact that once \$30,000 each was an offer being considered, then later a federal judge worked out a settlement of about \$42,000 each... now the numbers are still higher as the legal expenses keep mounting. Settlements ain't cheap, but the alternative could be much, much higher. Council members have conceded mistakes were made and now it is time to stop the losses. No, no one has explained where the money will come from, but it should be easier to find settlement funds than a possible much higher award following a federal court trial.

Pressure is still being placed on Governor Jim Folsom to call a special session of the Alabama legislature to take action on the Elba levee. Apparently he is still resisting. It has been almost 40 years since we dropped a penny in a slot machine, but we ain't opposed to you doing it. In fact we hope you luck and a barrel of fun! The idea of passing special laws which allow certain groups or individuals exclusive rights to open casinos is wrong and does nothing. For the owners of dog tracks to argue that their business is hurting, therefore pass a law to assign them (and them alone) a casino license ain't free enterprise. It would be like saying some retail store on the corner is losing business to the supermarket, therefore pass a law to allow the failing store exclusive right to sell or do whatever.

Fishermen (and fishermen) should take note that the Coffee County Lake will be reopening soon. The announced date is August 18. The lake has been closed for some time and those fish have been just swimming around, getting fatter and lastly waiting for some smart fisherman to drop a juicy bait right down in front of them. See you there!

C-Span has spent many hours on broadcasting the Whitewater hearings in Washington during the past two weeks. They will probably spend a bunch more before the matter is settled. It is amazing how federal government types can answer a question without saying anything and how upset other federal government types get when it happens. Evidence shows one of those guys told a bald face lie several months ago, yet when confronted with the facts and his video testimony, his response is that he didn't lie!

We salute U. S. Senator Howell Heflin efforts to get a law passed requiring the U. S. Corp of Engineers to take responsibility for the Elba levee. Those folks built the thing following the 1929 flood, told city officials for years what trees to cut, etc., and then after the 1990 flood, disowned the thing. The new requirement may get lost in the shuffle, but it is now further along than it ever has been. We talked with Heflin's office Tuesday afternoon and his staff is excited over the chances of this bill passing. By the way, the honorable senator returned to work Tuesday, following hospital tests in Washington and Birmingham.

It is almost football time again. It comes earlier and earlier each year... kinda like birthdays.

The education funding argument ain't gonna be settled in the next week or two. In New Jersey the matter has been argued, laws passed, sued, more arguing, more laws passed and more suing since the 1970s, yet still it ain't settled. A governor was successful in getting a sweeping tax increase to fund "equity". He lost the next election and recently a court says they still ain't got equity.

Elba drivers need to remember that local police are writing tickets for unauthorized parking in handicapped zones. For drivers who consider themselves too good to abide by the handicapped signs, one court trip and a \$100 plus traffic ticket should be cause for reconsideration.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 2, 1994 through August 8, 1994.

They were: Ralph Lowery, Theo Mauldin, Gerald Bowden, Charlie Jordan, Willie Walker, Inez Weeks, Bessie Bragg, Jonathan Farmer, Sidney Stevens, Natalie Luckett, Joshua Hughes, Kenneth Johnson, Silvie Holderfield, Betty Spurlin, Winnie Clemmie, Hattaway, Wanda Beck, Thomas Spivey, Judy Martin, Mildred Warren, Virginia Miley, and Brooklet Elliott.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Amanda Hattaway, Ida Mae Hooks, Timothy Chandler, Frankie Taylor, Albert Crimes, Annie Danford, Christina Sanders, Joshua Hughes, Theo Mauldin, Betty Spurlin, Wilber O. Davis, Willie Walker, Gerald Bowden, Ralph Lowery, Charlie Jordan, Sidney Stevens, Inez Weeks, Winnie James, Zadie Johnson, Natalie Luckett, Jonathan Farmer, and Kenneth Johnson.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 2 Thru AUGUST 8, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 2, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, one harassing communication, two criminal trespasses, two thefts, four unlawful breaking and enterings, one forgery, one menacing, one harassment, and one recovery of a stolen vehicle.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: one for illegally parking in a handicap parking zone, three for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for attempting to elude, and one for driving with suspended driver's license.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment and two for VPL. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 - Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (2:42 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (6:11 a.m.); River stage - 8.15 feet (6:18 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203 & AL Hwy. 189N (11:41 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (1:37 p.m.); Rescue run to Big Little Store (4:58 p.m.); House fire (filled with smoke) on Highland Dr. (5:47 p.m.); Shots fired on Kinston Highway (7:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 - River stage - 8.60 feet (6:29 a.m.); Wreck on the Troy Highway (6:42 a.m.); Burglary on Herman Driggers Dr. (10:24 a.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 - Rescue run to a residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (5:43 a.m.); River stage - 7.50 feet (6:14 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (7:16 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (2:50 p.m.); Disturbance in Morrow Village (3:35 p.m.); Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (5:09 p.m.); Disturbance on Williams St. (6:20 p.m.); Vehicle fire on Smith Ave. (7:08 p.m.); Alarm at Rickey Jewellers (7:46 p.m.); Vehicle fire at Big Little (9:34 p.m.); Vehicle burglary at Dorsey Trailers (10:48 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Caroline St. (11:27 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 - River stage - 6.95 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck at SouthTrust Bank (9:03 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (11:26 a.m.); Disturbance on Caroline St. (6:59 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - Disturbance on Tucker St. (1:34 a.m.); Possible burglary at Ranch House (2:51 a.m.); Disturbance at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (3:36 a.m.); River stage - 6.50 feet (7:05 a.m.); Wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W at Texaco Station (11:20 a.m.); Rescue run to Kendrick Apts. (7:25 p.m.); Prowler reported on Airport Rd. (8:25 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 - Disturbance at Brunson Trailer Park (12:31 a.m.); Disturbance at Mullins Apts (12:59 a.m.); River stage - 6.25 feet (6:10 a.m.); Subject reported with a gun in Powell's Trailer Ct. on Caroline St. (7:13 p.m.).

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 - River stage - 6 feet (6:11 a.m.); Wreck at Kleiner's (4:11 p.m.); Routine activity.

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WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Houston
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.
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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

New Crime Bill Victimized the Taxpayer

The crime bill, which will soon be voted on by the House and Senate, appears to be more a resurrection of the failed social-welfare policies of the 1960's than legislation dedicated to curbing violent crime in America. Underneath all the hype is \$9 billion in m.c. welfare programs which will have no direct relation to crime control.

On the surface it looks good—100,000 additional police on the streets and billions in grants to states for new prison construction. But there is much more to the new crime bill than meets the eye.

For starters, the federal government will pay for only 20,000 of the 100,000 additional police on patrol. Your state and local government pick up the rest of the tab.

Under the crime bill's prison grants program, states can actually use much of the grant money on other programs, thereby defeating the purpose.

And instead of requiring states to toughen their criminal justice systems and enact "truth in sentencing" statutes, can go right on with early parole of criminals.

A surprising 75 percent of the money allocated under the \$30 billion crime bill isn't even earmarked and will be spent by the President at his discretion. So, right off the bat most of the funding goes directly to the nation's larger cities where political interests are the greatest. Rural areas will be the big losers.

What's more, the crime bill even eliminates mandatory sentencing for drug dealers if they have no previous criminal convictions, and if the crime did not involve a gun or death or serious injury. This means that 10,000 prisoners can retroactively

be freed.

Mr. Forrest Dean addressed the council about a garbage fee on his utility bill. He explained this was in an empty building which had no garbage. He said it was nice to have electric power in the building when he occasionally went in it, but not at such a price. Dean told the council they could do what they wanted to do, but he wasn't going to pay a garbage fee on that building. He told them to put their meter, cut off the water, whatever, but he would not pay.

Haywood handed the man a copy of the local garbage ordinance and asked him to read it. This local law required every utility user to pay a garbage fee and the matter has been upheld in Circuit Court.

The council tabled action on attorney bills and a mental health funding request. Two lease proposals on parts of the elementary school were not acted upon because the people were not at present to make these requests official.

Mrs. Irene Grant addressed the council about excessive garbage fees. No action was taken, but she was promised changes would be made.

Council member Wilson asked about a report that the city pool was closed. Operations Officer Henry Clark said it closed, except for pool parties, last Friday afternoon because it was impossible to keep the necessary number of lifeguards on duty.

The council briefly discussed water problems of Raymond Duncan and Hwy. Daugherty. Both cases require additional study, according to Clark.

Haywood asked the council to take action to reduce future attorney bills. He suggested the city attorney be paid a \$1500 per month retainer for routine work plus additional hourly fees when in court. This matter was also tabled.

We get letters.....



Pictured above (l to r) are Cecile Stuit, President of the Aux. of the VFW of Sheffield, AL; Leonard Stuit, Commander of the VFW Post 4919 of Sheffield, AL; representing the Elks Lodge #1375 is Harold Baly, trustee of that lodge; and on the far right is Jackie Stuit, Exalted Ruler.

Open Letter To The Editor:

As the people of Elba have experienced in the floods of 1990 and more recently in July of this year, things that can take a lifetime to acquire can vanish in one tragic event. Many people are forced to start again - rebuilding homes, salvaging furnishings, and buying or borrowing personal items. Often, times are difficult and money short. Yet, as God promises in Matthew 6:25-34, if we trust in Him, He will provide for our needs. Many times He accomplishes this through other people.

On Sunday, July 17, a blessing was bestowed upon the citizens of our town and surrounding areas. Through the effort of the citizens of Sheffield, Alabama, contributions

were made to send aid to the flood victims of Elba. The Elba Christian Mission received a tractor trailer filled with food, clothing, and other personal items which were to be distributed to those in need. In one week, 18 families received help that may have otherwise been unavailable.

The Elba Christian Mission wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank the citizens of Sheffield for their expressions of love and concern shown through the donations of food and clothing. We appreciate your generosity and assistance in our time of need.

Sincerely,
The Elba Christian Mission

To The Editor:

Does the pending so called "School Reform" case in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama raise some questions?

1. How does it happen that a judge elected by only the voters of one county, Montgomery County, is deciding an issue which concerns all counties of the state?

2. Why not a judge or judges elected by all the voters of Alabama when it comes to deciding causes affecting all the people of Alabama? Should the Chief Justice of Alabama (a judge elected by all the people of Alabama) be required to sit as a trial judge on any case such as the so called "School Reform" case? In the event that he could not preside, then require him to appoint some member of the Supreme Court of Alabama or the Civil Court of Appeals to sit as a trial judge. The members of both of these Courts are elected by the people of Alabama.

Think about it, we would all be happier with the decisions if we all had a vote in electing the judge who made a decisions which affected the whole State of Alabama.

Talk to your legislator about it.

Sincerely,
H. Neil Taylor

As I said in closing on November 25, 1993, "God help us all."

Jake Bonneau

Dear Editor,

Recently, I found myself going thru the most difficult time of my life. My husband of 5 years, By Whitehead, was killed on June 21, 1994. The guy who confessed to the murder, was arrested and placed in jail on a \$100,000.00 bond. From what I was told this was agreed upon by our district attorney's office. I personally called Al Smith, our assistant district attorney, starting about a week after my husband's death up to Wednesday of last week, asking when was the preliminary hearing going to be held. I called the Elba DA's office and could not get a straight answer, so I called the Enterprise DA's office. After questioning them to what was going on, they told me that I would hang up someone would call me from Troy, AL Smith, Elba's ass. DA, called me and told me that he and the other guy's lawyer had decided to waive the preliminary hearing and lower the bond to \$10,000.00 for me. I asked why wasn't I notified. He said there was no reason to notify me. I asked him why was he in agreement to lower the bond? He have no response. I asked him who was his boss and he said, Joel Folmar. I've called Joel Folmar and he hasn't answered one call yet. I guess he (Al Smith), by not notifying me, didn't care enough about our family (the victims) than to let me and my children walk in a local store here in Elba and be standing face to face with my husband's and their daddy's murderer. My 9 year old still wakes up in a cold sweat hollering out from this tragedy. My 2 1/2 year old calls her daddy in heaven on her toy phone telling him "He can't hurt me anymore," "I love you," and "Can you come see me today?" We elected Joel Folmar, Al Smith works for him. He can't hurt me anymore, let them know we don't want his man out on bond, we don't want anyone else killed, we don't want anyone's children, as well as adults, to suffer. Hasn't our family suffered enough? I beg you, Elba, please contact them, tell them how you feel. God knows, I never thought it would happen to me, but it did and it can happen to you. Joel Folmar or Al Smith I would like an explanation for this. Why, what is the purpose of lowering his bond? Aren't you suppose to prosecute? Aren't you suppose to be on our side? My husband isn't just a case number, he was murdered.

Bama Whitehead

Dear Editor,

A great American once made the statement to the effect that our founding fathers were very smart in limiting the term of office to only four years. Because a good administrator could accomplish much good in that length of time and a bad administrator would not have enough time to ruin a community or country. I now contest that statement after seeing what has happened in Elba in only two years.

On August 1, 1994, Mayor Haywood stated that he introduced the first sales tax proposed. If my memory serves me correctly, he voted against the tax. He further promised to have experts come in and explain how the city could make money on cable TV. To this date no experts have appeared.

The Mayor stated that the Council should develop some ideas on retiring city debts. It appears that no one on the Council has a glimmer of an idea on this subject, so maybe they need help in this area.

Any governing body of either a private company or city government that allows a company or town to go from \$250,000.00 surplus to a \$200,000.00 deficit should be forced to retire. That is the best idea.

If thousands of dollars are spent without the governing bodies knowledge, the person who spends this money should be asked to step down. This refers to the garbage truck deal.

Every person sitting on the City Council knows that the City has been spending far more than the City has been receiving, and that the day of reckoning has arrived.

It is easy to see where all the trouble is coming from and all Council members must share the fact that they are responsible for putting Elba in this terrible shape. I believe a suggestion by a private citizen is like pouring water on a duck's back, because these people hear but they do not listen and the look but they do not see.

Charles Lindsey



Help on the way for Geneva & Elba levees according to Senator Heflin

Senator Howell Heflin said an Energy and Water Appropriations conference committee agreement to rehabilitate the levees at Elba and Geneva would hopefully put an end to a long battle.

"I have been working with my colleagues for years now to try to help these communities with levee repair," Sen. Heflin said. "All of this effort came to a head last month during the severe flooding. I informed Congressman Bevil, chairman of the House Energy and Water Appropriations subcommittee, that the Elba and Geneva levees were in danger of failing due to the July floods and asked for emergency assistance in bringing the levees up to standards."

The House and Senate conferees approved Sen. Heflin's request last week. The measure directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the levees, which protect the towns of Elba and Geneva from flooding by the Pea River.

"The recent flooding in southeast Alabama, and the destruction is caused, demonstrates the importance of initiating flood prevention measures to avoid future disasters," the senator said. "By rehabilitating these two levees, these communities will be much safer places to live and do business. In addition to enhancing the quality of life of the residents of Elba and Geneva, these levees will also diminish future flood damage related expenses."

Elba High School would like to invite parents of all high school students to Parents' Night on August 18, 1994 at the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Topics for discussion will include: 6 period day changes; new policies and procedures; question and answer opportunities.

Parents of 7th graders as well as the students themselves are especially encouraged to come and participate in the 7th grade orientation program.

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Social Notes

Lester-Prichard united in marriage June 11th

Melissa Noel Prichard and Joseph Lawrence Lester were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 1994, at Donelson Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Bob Prichard, minister of Morristown Church of Christ, and Dr. Paul Prill, minister of the Aclen Church of Christ, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Sharon Prichard of Morristown, TN. The groom is the son of Louis and Betty Lester of LaGrange, Georgia.

The church was decorated with three mass arrangements of oakleaf pink hydrangeas, pink snapdragons, pink and white roses, white lilies, carnations, stock and gypsophila with cascades of springer fern. The bride wore a French tulle princess gown featuring finger-length bouffant sleeves and a sweetheart neckline fashioned with a scalloped re-embroidered lace inlay adorned with iridescent sequins and pearls. The bodice, skirt, sleeves, and cathedral length train were also embellished with iridescent sequins and pearls. Her cathedral length veil of bridal illusion was attached to a pearl tiara. She carried a bouquet of white lilies, pink roses, freesia and springer fern.

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They were off-the-shoulder, floor-length dresses of hunter green moire tulle. They carried bouquets of pink roses, stargazer lilies, and miniature carnations.

Kristi Prichard of Scottsboro, Alabama, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl in a white polished cotton dress with a lace collar and scalloped overskirt. She carried a white basket trimmed with satin and lace and filled with rose petals.

Ring bearer was Myles Oliver of LaGrange, GA, cousin of the groom. Howard Lester III of LaGrange, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Marshall Macomber and Blake Moore of LaGrange, and Nathan Prichard of Morristown, brother of the bride.

Group photo of the wedding party.

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Mrs. Lester

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Prichard, parents of the bride, hosted a reception in the fellowship hall and Christian Activities Center. Melissa Daggett of Belvoir, Ohio kept the bride's book. Servers were Martha Ann McKay, Julie Gresham, Sandi Swartzel, Kathy Fox, Emily Stegall, Cathy Pilkington, LeAnn Cope, and Becky Moss, all Phi Delta Sorority sisters of the bride at Delta High School and the late Edgar Rhodes of Troy. The bride is a graduate of Morristown-Hamblen High School West and David Lipscomb University. She is an editorial assistant for Gospel Advocate Publishing Company. The groom is a graduate of LaGrange High School and is attending Vanderbilt University. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, they reside in Nashville.

Miss Lindsey & Mr. Rhodes announce wedding plans

Both men and baby are home and doing fine.

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A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at La Louisiana Restaurant.

English-Fornaro wedding held Saturday, August 6th in Mobile

Miss Nancy Fornaro of Birmingham, AL and Mr. Bradley Stanton English, also of Birmingham, AL, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 6, 1994 at Stewartfield on the Spring Hill College campus in Mobile, AL, at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Bill Curtin officiated in the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert John Fornaro of Mobile, AL. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mack English of Dothan, AL (formerly of Elba, AL).

The bride wore a formal gown of imported white silk with a ballroom skirt leading into a flowing chapel length train. The fitted bodice featured an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline embellished with raised silk-venice lace re-embroidered with pearls and iridescent sequins. Matching sleeves were adorned with matching three-dimensional beaded lace applique. The back, beaded with matching lace, led to a layered tulip train enhanced with silk roses and sequins. The white silk illusion veil was chapel length.

Her bouquet consisted of summer flowers of coral, lavender, yellow, cream and hot pink with stephanotis and white roses.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Rachel Celeste Fornaro of Mobile, AL, sister of the bride. Other bridesmaids were Miss Hayden Claire Taylor of Andalusia, AL; Miss Kelly Jung of Atlanta, GA; and Miss Deborah Moore of Kenner of Chattanooga, TN.

The bridesmaids and maid of honor wore an antique coral faulle c ensemble with a jacket and straight, ballerina-length skirt. The V-necked jacket had a short scalloped sleeve and buttoned down the front with lovely pearl cluster buttons. They were matching pearl cluster earrings and coral shoes to match the dress.

Each attendant carried a bouquet of summer flowers tied with white ribbon. Bobby Mack English attended his son as best man. Groomsman were Bobby Mack English, Jr., of Troy, AL, brother of the groom; Brian Edwards of Houston, TX, brother of the groom; and Boyd Kendall English of Headland, AL, brother of the groom.

The groom and his attendants were attired in grey morning coats with ascot and striped bowties, accented with the groom's bowties. Ushers for the wedding were James Rabe Kammner of Chattanooga, TN; Roger Brian King of Birmingham, AL; Kirk Rhodes of Troy, AL; and Wayne Spicer of Elba, AL.

Music for the wedding was provided by a trio, called the wedding and during the reception. The professional for mothers and attendants was "Pachelbel Canon." The bride's processional was "Pachelbel Canon" and the recessional was "Handel Allegro" from "Water Music."

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The University of Alabama chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society recently held its annual initiation ceremonies. UA students must have obtained a B+ or better grade point average to be eligible for membership.

Local honorees are Grant G. Coleman of Elba and Kathy Zeller of Enterprise.



Mrs. English

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Oliver Jr. honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children, grandchildren, and families of Joe and Jewel Oliver Jr. of Attalla, AL, gathered at Red Lobster in Gadsden, AL, on Saturday, August 6, 1994, for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jamie E. Nolin of Elba, AL. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oliver Jr. of Attalla, AL. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were married August 9, 1944 in Elba.

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Pastor's Corner

Tony Dye
Westside Baptist Church

Riches or Rubbish?

"We are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)"

Homer and Langley Colyer were sons of a respected New York doctor. Both had earned college degrees. In fact, Homer had studied at Columbia University to become an attorney. When old Dr. Colyer died in the early part of this century, his sons inherited the family home and estate. The two men—both bachelors—were now financially secure.

The Colyer brothers, however, chose a peculiar lifestyle, not at all consistent with the material status their inheritance gave them. They lived in almost total seclusion. They boarded up the windows of their house and padlocked the doors. At their utilities—including water—were shut off. No one was ever seen coming or going from the house. From the outside it appeared empty.

Though the Colyer family had been quite prominent, almost no one in New York society remembered Homer and Langley Colyer by the time World War II ended.

On March 21, 1947, police received an anonymous telephone tip that a man had died inside the boarded-up house. Unable to force their way in through the front door, they entered the house through a second story window. Inside they found Homer Colyer's corpse on a bed. He had died clutching the February 22, 1920 issue of the *Jewish Morning Journal*, though he had been totally blind for years. This macabre scene was set against an equally grotesque backdrop.

It seems the brothers were collectors. They collected everything—especially junk. Their house was crammed full of broken machinery, auto parts, boxes, appliances, folding chairs, musical instruments, rags, assorted odds and ends, and bundles of old newspapers. Virtually all of it was worthless. An enormous mound of debris blocked the front door. Investigators were forced to continue using the upstairs window for weeks while excavators worked to clear a path to the door.

Nearly three weeks later, as workers were still hauling heaps of refuse away, someone made a grisly discovery. Langley Colyer's body was buried beneath a pile of rubbish some six feet away from where Homer had died. Langley had been crushed to death in a crude booby trap he had built to protect his precious collection from intruders.

The garbage eventually removed from the Colyer house totaled more than 140 tons. No one ever learned why the brothers were stockpiling their pathetic treasure, except that an old friend of the family recalled that Langley once said that he was saving newspapers so Homer could catch up on his reading if he ever regained his sight.

Homer and Langley Colyer made a sad but fitting parable of the way many people in the church live. Although the Colyer's inheritance was sufficient for all their needs, they lived their lives in unnecessary, self-imposed deprivation. Neglecting abundant resources that were rightfully theirs and padlocking the doors, they lived in a squalid dump. Spurning their father's stuporous legacy they lived in the trash of the scraps of the world.

Too many Christians live their lives that way. Disregarding the beautiful riches of an inheritance that cannot be defiled (1 Peter 1:4), they scour the wreckage of the world, collecting litter. Which will it be for you today—riches or rubbish?

Mount Carmel Baptist Church to hold Heritage Sunday

Mount Carmel Baptist Church will have Heritage Sunday and Bud Goodson Day on Sunday, August 21, 1994. Rev. Bud Goodson will be preaching. The church is located 5 1/2 miles northeast of Samson.

Gospel Singing planned at Ino Assembly Of God Saturday, August 13th

A gospel singing will be held at Ino Assembly of God on Saturday, August 13, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Davis Family of Laverne, AL. Pastor V.R. Carpenter, Brittany Daniels, William Carpenter, Derrick Duncan, Lance Carpentier, Nickolas Nelson, Isaac Nelson, Novella Brooks, Gretta Robinson, Shari Hill, Teisha Jones, Samantha Williams, Sterling Jones, Amol Bilal, Quinton Givens, Ron Hill, Tiffany Henderson, Kellee Magwood, Anthony Robinson, Rhuanqu Hill, Courtney Robinson, Tiffany Johnson, Louis Johnson, Jason Murphy, Marcus Murphy, Kathy Johnson, Lewis Johnson, Marcus Henderson, Brad Thraisher.

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Ushers Anniversary

An Ushers Anniversary for Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, will be held August 21, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. Dr. John L. Grayer is pastor.

Homecoming & Revival

Homecoming and revival services of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Gantt, AL, will be held August 28-September 2, 1994. Rev. C. L. Henderson is pastor.

Evangelist for the week will be Reverend Chester Hays, pastor of Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, GA.

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Since 1946, approximately 40,000 ministers and lay people have benefited from the educational opportunities made available through the Extension Division in Alabama and other states. Locally, the Coffee County Extension Center, under the direction of the Reverend James Preachers, Sr., began in New Brockton in 1975 and has provided an excellent program of instruction for lay people and ministers.

The goal of the Samford University Extension Division is to provide biblical, theological and practical ministerial training courses are offered through the Extension Division. These courses are taught by academically qualified, experienced, people oriented, dedicated educators who have genuine love for God's Word and God's people. A high percentage of the instructors are professional educators, active pastors and denominational leaders.

The Extension Division is an opportunity for you to grow in the knowledge of God's Word. An Enrollment and Informational Rally will be held at the Coffee County Baptist Association Building located on U.S. Highway 84 in New Brockton, on Monday, August 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Classes will begin on August 29 at the First Baptist Church of New Brockton and will meet each Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through December 12, 1994. For further information on the Coffee County Extension Division, contact Rev. James Preachers, Sr. at 347-6717 or 894-1516.

Mustard Seed Senior Citizens Hold Weekly Meeting

by Margaret Bartlett

The Senior Citizens met for their weekly Wednesday meeting. Those present were: Frank and Magdalene McCollough, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Louise Wambles, Mattie Lou Goodson, Roshia Blanton, Wallace and Mary Seavey, Zeal and Evelyn Smith, Frances Shaboo and granddaughter, Jennifer, John and Margaret Bartlett.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

The next gospel sing will be held Saturday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Russell Family of LaGrange.

President and pastor is Rev. Mary Seavey, associate pastor is Austin Hudson.

Everyone is welcomed to attend the activities of this inter-denominational church.

For more information call 347-4630 or 897-6987.

Barbecue sandwich sale to be held at Harris Temple

A barbecue sandwich sale will be held at Harris Temple COGIC, 647 Adams Street, Elba, AL, on Saturday, August 13, 1994 from 11:00 a.m. until.

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Family Unity Parade to be held in Enterprise

A Family Unity Parade will be held on Main Street in downtown Enterprise on Saturday, August 20, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. This parade will honor the family as the cornerstone of society. This event, sponsored by the Johns Chapel AME Church, is intended to bring attention to the importance of strengthening the family. Churches and civic organizations are invited to reserve a space for a parade entry to show support of the family. The parade route is from Johns Chapel AME Church on the Geneva Highway to Main Street and ending at the intersection of Rawls and Main. On Sunday morning, August 21, worship services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will follow a "Family Unity" theme. Pastor C.A. Guice, Sr. invites the public to show support of the family by sharing in these events. For more information, call Marge Simmons at 393-3827, James Crawford at 347-0468, or Loria Britt at 393-2136.

Keirra Hammonds celebrates 1st birthday

Keirra Hammonds celebrated her 1st birthday on August 1. Keirra is the daughter of Alicia Rowe and Lorenzo Hammonds. A party was given at her home on July 30 with lots of friends and relatives attending. She also had a cup cake party at Creative Learning Daycare on August 1. Maternal grandparents are Henry and Margaret Rowe. Her paternal grandmother is Lucille Hammonds.

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Jesse Franklin Oglesby

Jesse Franklin Oglesby celebrates 5th birthday

Jesse Franklin Oglesby celebrated his 5th birthday on July 21, 1994. Jesse is the son of Greg and Arlene Oglesby of Elba. He has one brother, Gregory Morgan Oglesby. His grandparents are Dawson and Frankie Farris and David and A.V. Striking.

Homecoming to be held at Mt Vernon Assembly of God Church August 14

Homecoming will be held at Mt Vernon Assembly of God Church on Sunday, August 14, 1994. The guest speaker will be Rev. Shirley Ellis. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

In the afternoon, a singing will be held featuring "Boundless Love." Rev. Donnie Earles, minister of Mt. Vernon, invites everyone to attend.

Kindergarten Orientation To Be Held August 19 at E.E.S.

Elba Elementary School's Kindergarten Orientation for Parents and Students will be held Friday, August 19, 1994 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Elba Elementary School.

The objectives of the kindergarten orientation are:

To provide a time for parents and students to meet the kindergarten teachers and to go to individual classrooms.

To allow teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss general goals for the first six weeks while the kindergarten students have story time, a tour of the school, and other fun activities.

To give the parents an opportunity to provide information about any special problem or need their child may have.

To provide a time for parents to bring their child's supplies and pay for lunch and juice before the first day of school when everyone is so busy.

Child support public awareness month is August

By state and national standards, Coffee County has an extremely effective Child Support Enforcement Program. During 1993, the program collected more than \$1,000,000.00 and distributed it to some 1,200 families in the county. Collections so far in 1994 are significantly higher than last year.

However, Coffee County Department of Human Resources (DHR) Director Lynda C. Biddle is not happy with it.

"Despite our success, we are still

collecting only a fraction of the child support that is owed to Coffee County families," said Ms. Biddle. "Many of our families are either dependent on welfare or have reduced standards of living because they are receiving inadequate child support or none at all."

Because of some recently implemented or proposed changes to the program, however, DHR plans to collect a larger percentage of money owed to Coffee County families. These changes include:

—Stronger legislation. Legislation being drafted in Montgomery would revoke drivers licenses, professional licenses, and hunting and fishing licenses of absent parents who owe a significant amount of child support.

—New computer system. A new \$25 million computer system is being developed that will help DHR find absent parents and provide better service to families.

—Automated telephone system. The county's new automated telephone system, which is part of a statewide system, is giving child support customers round-the-clock access to their case records. The new number is 1-800-284-4347.

—Paternity establishment in hospitals. Tests in other states have shown that many men who visit their infants in the hospital voluntarily acknowledge their paternity. Alabama implemented this program in July.

—Electronic Parent Locator Network (EPLN). Coffee is one of 28 Alabama counties hooked up to an electronic database network that includes all the Southeastern states. If an absent parent moves to Key West or New Orleans, the EPLN can help find him.

Ms. Biddle says that much of the credit for the success of Coffee County's Child Support Program is due to the hard work of local officials. She commended the work of the judges, the sheriff's department, and the district attorney, Joel Folmar.

"Making child support work would be impossible without these people," she said.

Kenneth E. Bryant

Bryant graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kenneth E. Bryant has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bryant is the son of Junior E. and Elaine Bryant of Rural Route 3, Elba, Alabama.

He is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School, and received an associate degree in 1993 from Alabama Aviation College, Ozark, AL.

Wellness Class to be offered at Medical Center in Enterprise

A Wellness Class will be offered to the public at no cost on July 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the fourth floor classroom at Medical Center, Enterprise. The subject is "Breathing Easier: Managing Chronic Respiratory Disease" and will be taught by Brenda Davis, R.T. Any one associated with chronic respiratory disease, including emphysema, bronchitis, and asthma is especially invited to attend. To register for the class, call 393-8743 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shadow?
Oh but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to learn;
Do I now, while life remains,
Oh but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do I now, while life remains,
Oh but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
On the joy to see you come!

God made you special! You will always be missed.

Love,
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"Bus Stop" cast poses during rehearsal. Pictured are (front row, 1 to 5) Jack-Jack Danher, Don Hughes, Vantney Alums, John Garner III, Denita Judham; (back row, 1 to 5) Tim Jay and Kenne Woodham.

Ariton Community Theatre debuts with "Bus Stop"

The newly formed Ariton Community Theatre, under the direction of Lori Hancock, will present an evening of "Theatre and Gourmet Dessert" on August 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and a 2:00 matinee on Sunday, August 21. A combination of local talent and Troy State students are starting in an adapted version of "Bus Stop". Tickets are available for any performance at \$7.00. Proceeds go to the Ariton Universalist Community Center building fund. For ticket information call 762-2222 or 762-2019.

Dance class to be offered at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College is offering a fun class designed to teach participants the basic steps and styling in the foxtrot, waltz and swing. This social dance class will also introduce students to the namba and chacha. Registration is only accepted for those with partners. The fee is \$94 per couple, and the class is limited to 12 couples. The registration deadline is September 5 and the class will be September 12-November 14 on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

Senior Citizens of Cordelia St. hold weekly meeting

Members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia St. met for their weekly meeting at the HRODC center on August 4. We still have some members who were not able to be with us. We sure did miss them. There was plenty of talk about vegetables and about putting them in the freezer. Some of the members walked to various places and visited. Of course, a delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Zeddie Boyer, Aileen English, Iris McDowell, Mary Sudley, Refina Grimes, Frances Morgan, Ruth Messick, Eric Crook, Sallie Bryan, Frank and Leanne McCollough, Kari Grimes, Marion Brunson, M. Boling, Wanda Sasser.

Ft. Rucker Retired Officers to meet

The Fort Rucker Chapter of the Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting Saturday, August 20, at the Fort Rucker Officers Club. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a social hour. After dinner, the chapter will commemorate its 35th anniversary and honor retiring State Representative Jimmy Holley and retiring State Senator E.C. "Crum" Foshee for their outstanding service to the Alabama State Retirees. For reservations call 794-7000, 598-8815, or 347-1971. For membership or general information call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

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Damascus School Reunion planned for August 13th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday, August 13, 1994 at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room. This is a covered dish event and will be from 10:00 a.m. until, in New Brockton, AL.

Mr. & Mrs. O.V. Hall to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Hall will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary and renew their vows on Saturday, August 13, 1994 at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Westside Baptist Church, Elba, AL. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Cemetery donations are needed at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church

If you have friends or loved ones buried in the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, please help cover the expenses of upkeep. Donations may be sent to the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Fund at the SouthTrust Bank in Elba, or to Mrs. W.E. (Lena) Farris, Kendrick Apt. 4, Elba, AL 36523.

Old Home Folks Day to be held in Opp

The Opp and Covington County Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting vendor applications for their annual Old Home Folks Day, scheduled for October 1, 1994. Any one interested in having an art and crafts or food booth should contact the chamber at 1-800-239-8054. All applications should be returned by September 15, 1994.

Parents/Spouses invited to ESJC

The parents and/or spouses of students who will be new at Enterprise State Junior College this fall are invited to attend Parent/Spouse Orientation set for Tuesday evening, August 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

"The program will last an hour and a half and will give family members insight into what their student will be experiencing at the College," says Robin Wyatt, Director of Admissions and Special Programs.

"The orientation will provide parents/spouses the opportunity to learn more about the College and what they can do to help their family member succeed," Wyatt explains.

"The session will be very informal and participants will be urged to ask questions. They will also have the opportunity to take a campus tour. Refreshments will be served and casual dress is encouraged."

Topics to be included during the evening will be an overview of the College—its origin and mission, a discussion of academic policy and procedures, student support services and financial aid. The session will be held in the Student Union Building, Room 101, on Tuesday, August 16, 1994, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Interested persons should call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

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The Coffee County Farmers Federation recently held their annual Talent Contest. Eugene Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carter of Enterprise, center, placed first. Accompanying him on the piano was Jeremy Beck, right. Russ Coffey, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Coffey from Enterprise, was first alternate in the talent competition.

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Williams Station Day planned in Atmore

The Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for Atmore's Williams Station Day Arts and Crafts Show on October 22, 1994. This year's event will include a juried arts and crafts show and a non-juried crafts show. Because of the heritage theme of this festival, traditional folk artists and craftsmen are encouraged to participate. Special incentives are available for demonstrating craftsman; quilters, potters, basketmakers, etc., who qualify in this category.

Art show applications may be requested by contacting Emily Mims at the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce, 501 South Pensacola Avenue, Atmore, AL 36502. (205) 368-3305. Awards and patron prizes totaling \$6500 will be awarded in the juried show.

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**** have never thought a great deal of Bobby Cox as a manager and his handling of the Braves' bullpen this season has done nothing to make me change my mind. Last week against the Mets he twice removed his starting pitchers late in the game and watched the bullpen blow what looked like wins, while Saturday night he yanked Greg Maddux after eight shutout innings and almost let the bullpen blow yet another one. Cox may be a player's manager and I'm certain that he does what he thinks is best, but lately his best hasn't been nearly good enough.

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SPORTS

New season brings with it big changes in schedules

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Following is a look at the schedules of team's that receive weekly coverage by the *Clipper* sports staff.

ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers will once again face one of the state's toughest schedules this season as the 3A Tigers will oppose three 5A schools, two of the state's top 4A schools and one of the state's best 2A schools, not to mention their usual Area opponents.

The Tigers will open the season at Troy when they battle the 5A Charles Henderson Trojans, then will return home for three straight weeks against T.R. Miller, ranked 3rd in the state in pre-season 4A polls; Georgiana, ranked 3rd in the pre-season 2A polls; and 5A Opp, expected to field one of its best teams ever.

Week #5 will find Elba back on the road when the Tigers travel to Daleville to battle the highly-touted Daleville Warhawks, ranked #1 in the state in pre-season 4A polls and coming off a state title in 1992 and a state runner-up finish in 1993.

The Tigers will begin Area 4 competition in week #6 when they host the Louisville Red Devils, which are looking for better days under a new coach, and in week #7 Elba will take the week off.

The eighth week of the season will find Elba traveling to Luverne to battle the always tough Luverne Tigers in a key Area matchup. This game had been the third game on the schedule for over 20 years; however, the importance of the game prompted the shift to the later date.

While many teams try to relax late in the season and peak ahead to possible playoff opponents, Elba certainly has no such luxury as the Tigers host the vastly improved 5A Andalusia Bulldogs in week #9, and close out the season in Evergreen against the 5A Hillcrest Jaguars, a team expected to battle for a playoff berth this season.

With a schedule that includes a trio of 5A schools and two of the state's best 4A clubs, it won't take long for area and state football fans to know just what the Tigers really have in '94!

KINSTON BULLDOGS

The 1A Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to improve on last season's 1-9 slate under second year coach John Williamson, and appear to have a shot at doing just that with a schedule that doesn't appear to be loaded with any state powers.

The Bulldogs will open the season with a trip across the state line when they travel to Freeport, Florida, but then will return for two weeks at home against 3A rival Zion Chapel and 2A Florida. A trip to battle the arch-rival Samson Tigers comes in week #4, which is followed by back-to-back home games as G.W. Long and 2A Straughn pay visits to the Bulldog pen.

Week #7 will find Kinston back on the road in Coffee Springs, while the Bulldogs close out the regular season against Area 3 foes New Brockton, at home in week #8, and in McKenzie in week #9.

The Bulldogs have a schedule they can compete with and should enjoy more wins in '94.

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

The 1A New Brockton Gamecocks missed the playoffs last season with a 4-6 slate, but are now a 1A school and appear to have a shot at a winning season with a new-look schedule.

The Gamecocks will open the season on the road when they travel to meet the 4th ranked Arton Purple Cats, then return home in week #2 when they host the G.W. Long Rebels. A battle with Area 3 foe Zion Chapel comes in week #3 when the Gamecocks hit the road to Jacksonville in week #4 it's back on the road as a trip to Straughn is on the slate.

Week #5 will bring with it a visit to the Houston Academy Raiders as the Gamecocks begin a big home stand that will see New Brockton playing five of its final six games at home.

DUST OFF THOSE POM-POMS FOOTBALL SEASON IS CLOSE!!!!

COFFEE COUNTY PUBLIC FISHING LAKE OPENS AUGUST 18

The Alabama Game and Fish Division announced that Coffee County Public Fishing Lake will open Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 a.m. under the operation of Ms. Diane Sullivan. Daily creel limits are 10 bass, 30 crappie and 6 catfish per angler. There is a 13-16 slot limit on Bass. In addition to a valid fishing license, a daily \$1.50 fishing permit will be required for anglers 12 and over. For further information call Ms. Sullivan at 897-3523.

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SEPT.2	CHARLES HENDERSON	AWAY
SEPT.9	T.R. MILLER	HOME
SEPT.16	GEORGIANA	HOME
SEPT.23	OPP	HOME
SEPT.30	DALEVILLE	AWAY
OCT.7	LOUISVILLE (A)	HOME
OCT.14	OPEN DATE	
OCT.21	LUVERNE (A)	AWAY
OCT.28	ANDALUSIA	HOME
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Softball tourney in Elba on Aug. 27

The Elba Cash & Carry softball team will sponsor a Men's Class C and Men's Class D softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The entry fee will be \$100 per team and each team will hit its own MSP47 softball. The time-run limit in the C division will be two and an out (no ejections), while in the D division no home-runs will be allowed (no ejections).

For more information call 897-5810, 897-6833 or 565-3093.

Friday is deadline for seats & spaces

All Elba Tiger supporters that wish to have a one year reserved parking space at Tiger Stadium should notify the Elba High School office no later than 10:00 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 12, to have their name placed on the list. If the demands are greater than the parking spaces available, a drawing will be held to determine who will get one of the 35 spaces.

Friday, Aug. 12, is also the deadline for those with reserved seating to renew their seats for the 1994-95 season. For more information contact Elba High School at 897-2266.



ELBA PLAYERS ATTEND TROY STATE CAMP...Four young baseball players from Elba recently participated in a week-long baseball camp at Troy State University. TSU coaches and players worked with the campers on baseball basics, including fielding, batting and base running, and while the work was hard, it was enjoyed by all. Attending the camp from Elba were (l-r) Colby Capps, Ralston Moore, Derick Thomas and Matthew Curran.

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MORE ON ELBA DAM

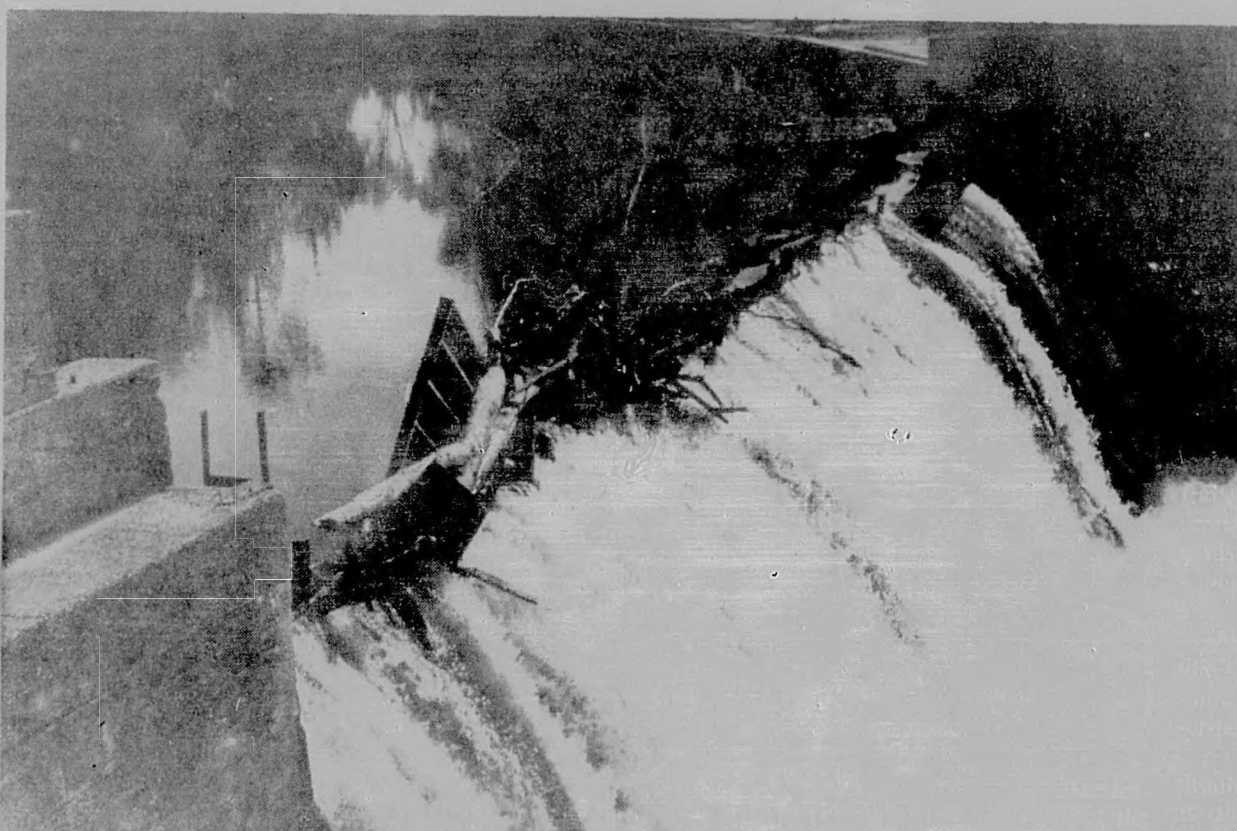
generators, one small one and two larger ones. Blenn said that plans are to go back with the same configuration.

One unique feature of the small generators is that the turbine is actually installed submerged in the water. The bearings on the shaft are actually made of wood!

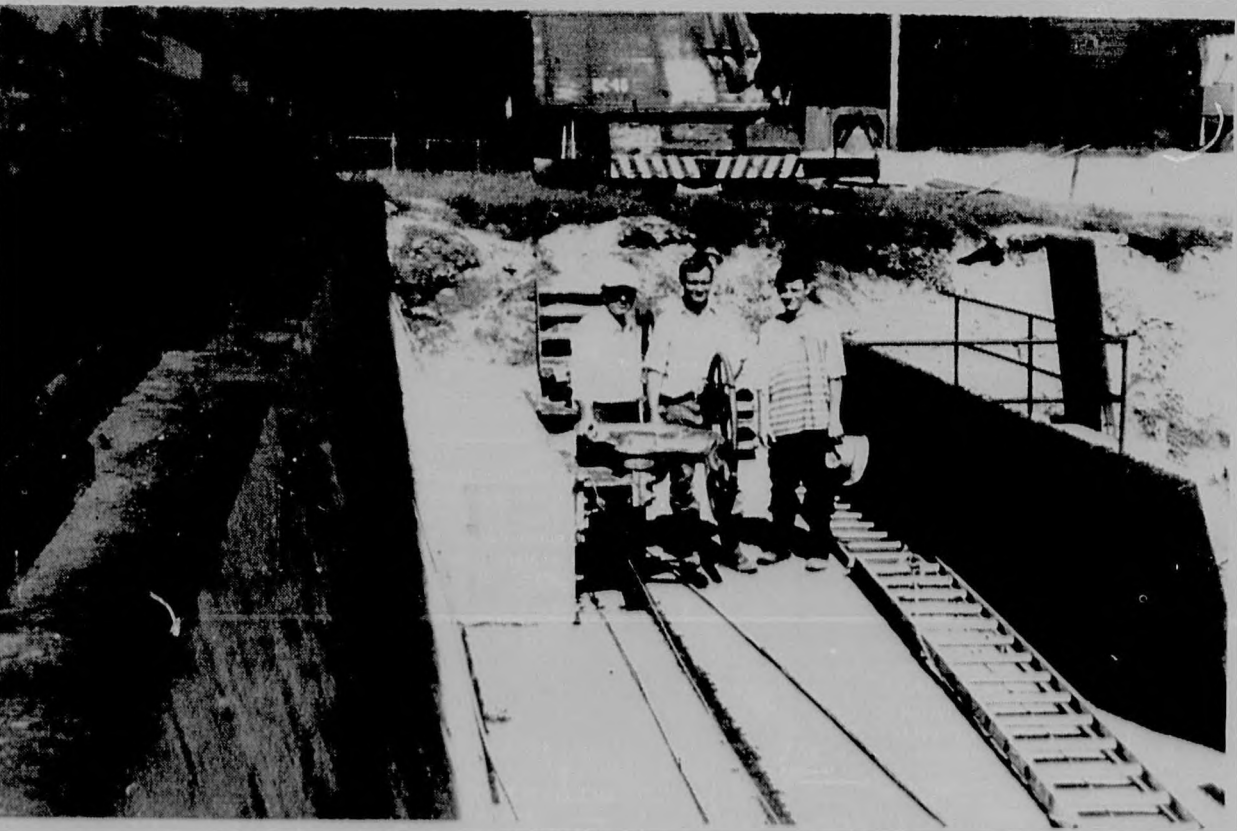
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WOOD BEARINGS...Blenn is shown above placing the Iron Wood Bearing back into water where it will remain until it is installed on the turbine shaft.



SPILL OVER...Above is a shot of the Pea River as it spills over the dam. Water will continue to flow over the dam even when the generators are in operation. Debris can be seen trapped behind the dam.



VALVE CONTROLS IN WORKING ORDER...Shown standing by one of the control valve which opens the gate allowing water to enter the turbine chamber are (l-r): Ben Ammons, Jesse Blenn and Jeremy Blenn. Jeremy is Jesse's son and he has been helping in the dam restoration this summer.

Elba's W & E Board meeting routine

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board approved payment of \$200,000 in monthly bills Monday night. They also authorized Engineer

Bobby Lee to proceed with final plans and bid advertising for the pending water project.

This additional water line will be to supply water to rural residents on Highway 125, between the city limits and the new county landfill. The Board tabled action to hire a

der water - it would not have a very long life.

The wood bearing is not an uncommon thing in this particular situation. The turbines - in this instance - will turn at a low RPM (Revolutions Per Minute)," said Blenn.

He became familiar with this practice while working on dam projects in Latin America. Incidentally, the wood - Iron Wood - used in mak-

ing the bearing, is not found in the United States. It comes from Latin America and is very, very hard. The bearing will be kept in water until it is installed.

Blenn estimates that once the dam and generators are placed into operation, the dam will produce, on an average, 1,200 kilowatts (1,600 horse power) of power.

Neither Ammons or Blenn, would give a date when the dam would be operational, but they both are confident that it will be and in the very near future.

The recent flood did not help matters any.

"The high water in July did not hurt us too much," said Ammons. "In fact, we probably learned some good lessons."

"We gained some knowledge about some things we can do to prevent some of the damage that occurred this time should it happen again - and it will!"

When asked about the March 1990 Flood, Ammons said, "Should that occur again, there's not much that can be done!"

Prior to the high water in July, according to Ammons, "Everything was looking real good!" The canal had been cleared of all debris and sand and the grating which "strains the water" of anything too large to go through the turbines had been installed.

Work was progressing well on assembling the generator turbines in preparation for installing them in the power house.

"I may not look like a lot has been accomplished now, but I assure you it had," said Ammons.

"We are taking things slow, but at the same time, anything we do we are doing our best to do it right!" he added.

Ammons noted that when they get things working again they will worry about adding the frills and other things that will add to the general appearance of the dam.

Once the canal that channels water from the river to the dam is

cleared - once again - and generators are in place, Ammons said plans are to have private contractors to come in and install the necessary instrumentation to bring the dam "to life."

Mr. Ammons paid \$125,000 for the dam but declined to say how much additional monies he has spent on restoration project to date.

Everything that is done to the dam has to meet regulations set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Before the dam is placed into operation, it will have to pass final inspection by the FERC.

When asked about where the electrical power produced by the dam will go, Ammons said, "By law, the power companies will have to purchase any power produced by the power plant. Where it is routed will be up to them."

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****I watched the so-called Dream Team II play its first two games last week and wasn't impressed with the team anything like I was with the original Dream Team. The original Dream Team was filled with veterans that were playing as much for pride as anything, while the players on Team II seem to be playing for themselves and the added publicity it can get them. Team II may very well win the whole thing, but it wouldn't surprise me if they lost somewhere along the way.

****I have never thought a great deal of Bobby Cox as a manager and his handling of the Braves' bullpen this season has done nothing to make me change my mind. Last week against the Mets he twice removed his starting pitchers late in the game and watched the bullpen blow what looked like wins, while Saturday night he yanked Greg Maddux after eight shutout innings and almost let the bullpen blow yet another one. Cox may be a player's manager and I'm certain that he does what he thinks is best, but lately his best hasn't been nearly good enough.

****High school football polls are a dime a dozen, but they do make good ammunition for fans to use in arguments and that is why we publish the polls whenever we can. My view on this week's new "Coaches Poll" is that the poll will create added interest and give the fans even more to fuss about. I'm a fan, so, here are my gripes...Lee showed last year that it is human and has no business atop the 6A poll...Dora should have received more attention in the 4A poll...Elba is a 3A power year in and year out and should have been ahead of teams like Pennington, Piedmont and Plainview...Geneva County and Goshen being in the top 10 in 2A means coaches need to get out more...and, Courtland is always atop the 1A poll, but usually slips somewhere along the line. How soon they forget.



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New season brings with it big changes in schedules

The 1994 high school football season will bring with it many changes in the schedules of area teams.

Following is a look at the schedules of team's that receive weekly coverage by the *Clipper* sports staff.

ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers will once again face one of the state's toughest schedules this season as the 3A Tigers will oppose three 5A schools, two of the state's top 4A schools and one of the state's best 2A schools, not to mention their usual Area opponents.

The Tigers will open the season at Troy when they battle the 5A Charles Henderson Trojans, then will return home for three straight weeks against T.R. Miller, ranked 3rd in the state in pre-season 4A polls; Georgiana, ranked 3rd in the pre-season 2A polls; and 5A Opp, expected to field one of its best teams ever.

Week #5 will find Elba back on the road when the Tigers travel to Daleville to battle the highly-touted Daleville Warhawks, ranked #1 in the state in pre-season 4A polls and coming off a state title in 1992 and a state runner-up finish in 1993.

The Tigers will begin Area 4 competition in week #6 when they host the Louisville Red Devils, which are looking for better days under a new coach, while in week #7 Elba will take the week off.

The eighth week of the season will find Elba traveling to Lufkin to battle the always tough Lufkin Tigers in a key Area matchup. This game had been the third game on the schedule for over 20 years; however, the importance of the game prompted the shift to the later date.

While many teams try to relax late in the season and peak ahead to possible playoff opponents, Elba certainly has no such luxury as the Tigers host the vastly improved 5A Andalusia Bulldogs in week #9, and close out the season in Evergreen against the 5A Hillcrest Jaguars, a team expected to battle for a playoff berth this season.

With a schedule that includes a trio of 5A schools and two of the state's best 4A clubs, it won't take long for area and state football fans to know just what the Tigers really have in '94!

KINSTON BULLDOGS

The 1A Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to improve on last season's 1-9 slate under second year coach John Williamson, and appear to have a shot at doing just that with a schedule that doesn't appear to be loaded with any state powers.

The Bulldogs will open the season with a trip across the state line when they travel to Freeport, Florida, but then will return for two weeks as they host Area 3 rival Zion Chapel and 2A Florida. A trip to battle the arch-rival Samson Tigers comes in week #4, which is followed by back-to-back home games as G.W. Long and 2A Straughn pay visits to the Bulldog pen.

Week #7 will find Kinston back on the road in Coffee Springs, while the Bulldogs close out the regular season against Area 3 foe New Brockton, at home in week #8, and in McKenzie in week #9.

The Bulldogs have a schedule they can compete with and should enjoy more wins in '94.

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

The 1A New Brockton Gamecocks missed the playoffs last season with a 4-6 slate, but are now a 1A school and appear to have a shot at a winning season with a new-look schedule.

The Gamecocks will open the season on the road when they travel to meet the 4th ranked Arton Purple Cats, then return home in week #2 when they host the G.W. Long Rebels. A battle with Area 3 foe Zion Chapel comes in week #3 when the Gamecocks hit the road to Jack, and in week #4 it's back on the road as a trip to Straughn is on the slate.

Week #5 will bring with it a visit from the Houston Academy Raiders as the Gamecocks begin a big home stand that will see New Brockton playing five of its final six games at home.

DUST OFF THOSE POM-POMS. FOOTBALL SEASON IS CLOSE !!!

COFFEE COUNTY PUBLIC FISHING LAKE OPENS AUGUST 18
The Alabama Game and Fish Division announced that Coffee County Public Fishing Lake will open Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 a.m. under the operation of Ms. Diane Sullivan. Daily creel limits are 20 bream, 10 bass, 30 crappie and 6 catfish per angler. There is a 13-16 slot limit on Bass. In addition to a valid fishing license, a daily \$1.50 fishing permit will be required for anglers 12 and over. For further information call Ms. Sullivan at 897-3523.

ELBA TIGERS

SEPT.2	CHARLES HENDERSON	AWAY
SEPT.9	T.R. MILLER	HOME
SEPT.16	GEORGIANA	HOME
SEPT.23	OPP	HOME
SEPT.30	DALEVILLE	AWAY
OCT.7	LOUISVILLE (A)	HOME
OCT.14	OPEN DATE	
OCT.21	LUFKIN (A)	AWAY
OCT.28	ANDALUSIA	HOME
NOV.4	EVERGREEN HILLCREST	AWAY

KINSTON BULLDOGS

SEPT.2	FREEPORT, FL	AWAY
SEPT.9	ZION CHAPEL (A)	HOME
SEPT.16	FLORALA	HOME
SEPT.23	SAMSON	AWAY
SEPT.30	G.W. LONG	HOME
OCT.7	STRAUGHN	HOME
OCT.14	COFFEE SPRINGS	AWAY
OCT.21	NEW BROCKTON (A)	HOME
OCT.28	MCKENZIE (A)	AWAY

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

SEPT.2	ARITON	AWAY
SEPT.9	G.W. LONG	HOME
SEPT.16	ZION CHAPEL (A)	AWAY
SEPT.23	STRAUGHN	AWAY
SEPT.30	HOUSTON ACADEMY	HOME
OCT.7	BEULAH	HOME
OCT.14	MCKENZIE (A)	HOME
OCT.21	KINSTON (A)	AWAY
OCT.28	RED LEVEL	HOME
NOV.4	COFFEE SPRINGS	HOME

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

SEPT.2	HOUSTON ACADEMY	HOME
SEPT.9	KINSTON (A)	AWAY
SEPT.16	NEW BROCKTON (A)	HOME
SEPT.23	CLAYTON	HOME
SEPT.30	COFFEE SPRINGS	HOME
OCT.7	SAMSON	HOME
OCT.14	WICKSBURG	AWAY
OCT.21	ARITON	AWAY
OCT.28	G.W. LONG	AWAY
NOV.4	MCKENZIE (A)	HOME

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

SEPT.2	DALEVILLE	HOME
SEPT.9	RED LEVEL	AWAY
SEPT.16	GOSHEN (A)	AWAY
SEPT.23	MCKENZIE	HOME
SEPT.30	LUFKIN	HOME
OCT.7	CLAYTON (A)	AWAY
OCT.14	SLOCOMB	HOME
OCT.21	HIGHLAND HOME (A)	AWAY
OCT.28	A.L. JOHNSON	HOME
NOV.4	GEORGIANA	AWAY

Softball tourney in Elba on Aug. 27

The Elba Cash & Carry softball team will sponsor a Men's Class C and Men's Class D softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The entry fee will be \$100 per team and each team will hit its own MSF47 softball. The home-run limit in the C division will be two and an out (no ejections), while in the D division no home-runs will be allowed (no ejections).

For more information call 897-5810, 897-6833 or 565-3093.

Friday is deadline for seats & spaces
All Elba Tiger supporters that wish to have a one year reserved parking space at Tiger Stadium should notify the Elba High School office no later than 10:00 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 12, to have their name placed on the list. If the demands are greater than the parking spaces available, a drawing will be held to determine who will get one of the 35 spaces.

Friday, Aug. 12, is also the deadline for those with reserved seating to renew their seats for the 1994-95 season. For more information contact Elba High School at 897-2266.



ELBA PLAYERS ATTEND TROY STATE CAMP...Four young baseball players from Elba recently participated in a week-long baseball camp at Troy State University. TSU coaches and players worked with the campers on baseball basics, including fielding, batting and base running, and while the work was hard, it was enjoyed by all. Attending the camp from Elba were (l-r) Colby Capps, Ralston Moore, Derick Thomas and Matthew Curran.

South Alabama Gun Club

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Aug. 21 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

MORE ON ELBA DAM

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generators, one small one and two large ones. Blenn said that plans are to go back with the same configuration.

One unique feature of the small generators is that the turbine is actually installed submerged in the water. The bearings on the shaft are actually made of wood!

Blenn stated that it would not be practical to install a steel bearing un-

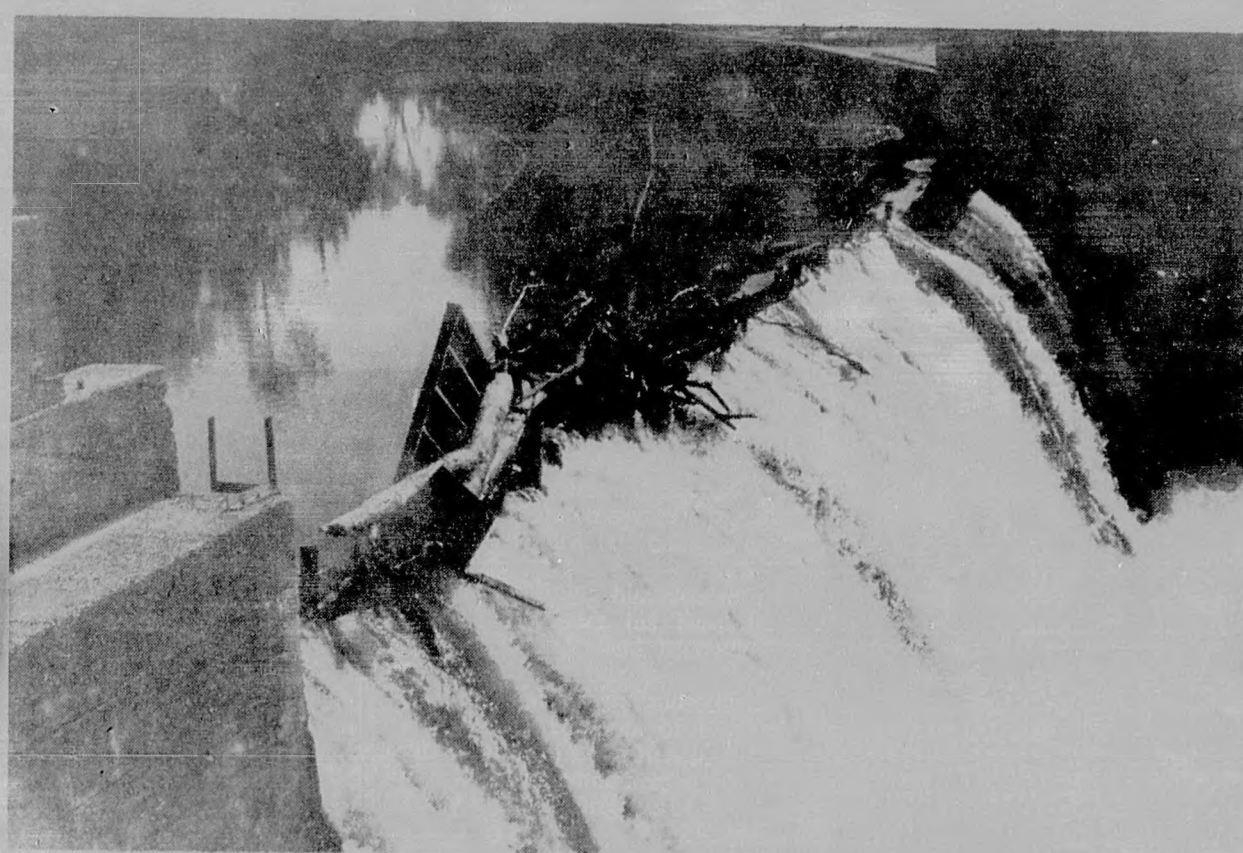
der water - it would not have a very long life.

The wood bearing is not an uncommon thing in this particular situation. The turbines - in this instance - will turn at a low RPM (Revolutions Per Minute)," said Blenn.

He became familiar with this practice while working on dam projects in Latin America. Incidentally, the wood - Iron Wood - used in mak-



WOOD BEARINGS...Blenn is shown above placing the Iron Wood Bearing back into water where it will remain until it is installed on the turbine shaft.



SPILL OVER...Above is a shot of the Pea River as it spills over the dam. Water will continue to flow over the dam even when the generators are in operation. Debris can be seen trapped behind the dam.



VALVE CONTROLS IN WORKING ORDER...Shown standing by one of the control valve which opens the gate allowing water to enter the turbine chamber are (l-r): Ben Ammons, Jesse Blenn and Jeremy Blenn. Jeremy is Jesse's son and he has been helping in the dam restoration this summer.

Elba's W & E Board meeting routine

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board approved payment of \$20,000.99 in monthly bills Monday night.

They also authorized Engineer

Bobby Lee to proceed with final plans and bid advertising for the pending water project.

This additional water line will be to supply water to a restaurant on Highway 125, between the city limits and the new county landfill.

The Board tabled action to hire a

person as assistant meter reader and installer.

The Board will hold a special work session next Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Gladys Yelverton said this was needed to review job descriptions, staffing needs and other management responsibilities.

Peace predicted there would be additional lawsuits in the equity funding matter, regardless of what happens this week with mediators or in Judge Gene Reese's Montgomery courtroom.

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ing the bearing, is not found in the United States. It comes from Latin America and is very, very hard. The bearing will be kept in water until it is installed.

Blenn estimates that once the dam and generators are placed into operation, the dam will produce, on an average, 1,200 kilowatts (1,600 horse power) of power.

Neither Ammons or Blenn, would give a date when the dam would be operational, but they both are confident that it will be in the very near future.

The recent flood did not help matters any.

"The high water in July did not hurt us too much," said Ammons. "In fact, we probably learned some good lessons."

"We gained some knowledge about some things we can do to prevent some of the damage that occurred this time should it happen again - and it will!"

When asked about the March 1990 Flood, Ammons said, "Should that occur again, there's not much that can be done!"

Prior to the high water in July, according to Ammons, "Everything was looking real good!" The canal had been cleared of all debris and sand and the grating which "strains the water" of anything too large to go through the turbines had been installed.

Work was progressing well on assembling the generator turbines in preparation for installing them in the power house.

"It may not look like a lot has been accomplished now, but I assure you it had," said Ammons.

"We are taking things slow, but at the same time, anything we do we are doing our best to do it right!" he added.

Ammons noted that when they get things working again they will worry about adding the frills and other things that will add to the general appearance of the dam.

Once the canal that channels water from the river to the dam is

cleared - once again - and generators are in place, Ammons said plans are to have private contractors to come in and install the necessary instrumentation to bring the dam "to life."

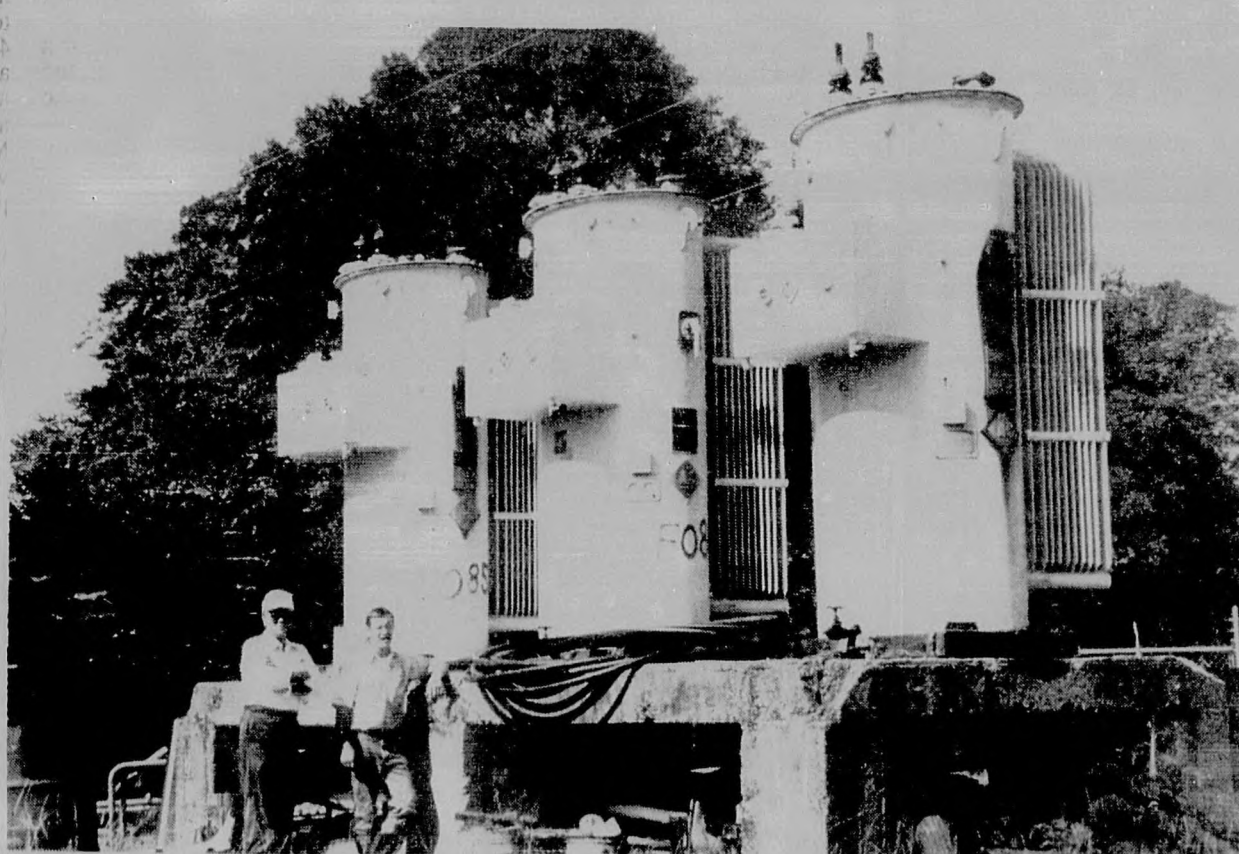
Mr. Ammons paid \$125,000 for the dam but declined to say how much additional monies he has spent on the restoration project to date.

Everything that is done to the dam has to meet regulations set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Before the dam is placed into operation, it will have to pass final inspection by the FERC.

When asked about where the electrical power produced by the dam will go, Ammons said, "By law, the power companies will have to purchase any power produced by the power plant. Where it is routed will be up to them."

Ammons and Blenn both would be very interested in hearing from anyone who knows any history concerning the dam or has pictures of the Elba Power Dam.

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HUGE TURBINE HOUSING...Ben Ammons (left) and Jesse Blenn (right) are shown above standing beside the housings that will contain the water driven turbines which will in turn spin the generators producing electrical power hopefully in the near future.

Education funding remains undecided

Funding of education in Alabama for the 1994-95 school year is still an undecided matter.

The Elba City School System is withholding hiring two needed teachers because of the uncertainty of state funding.

The state Board of Education recently announced a plan to divide the available funds. However, the equity funding lawsuit against the State has this matter tied up in Montgomery Circuit Court.

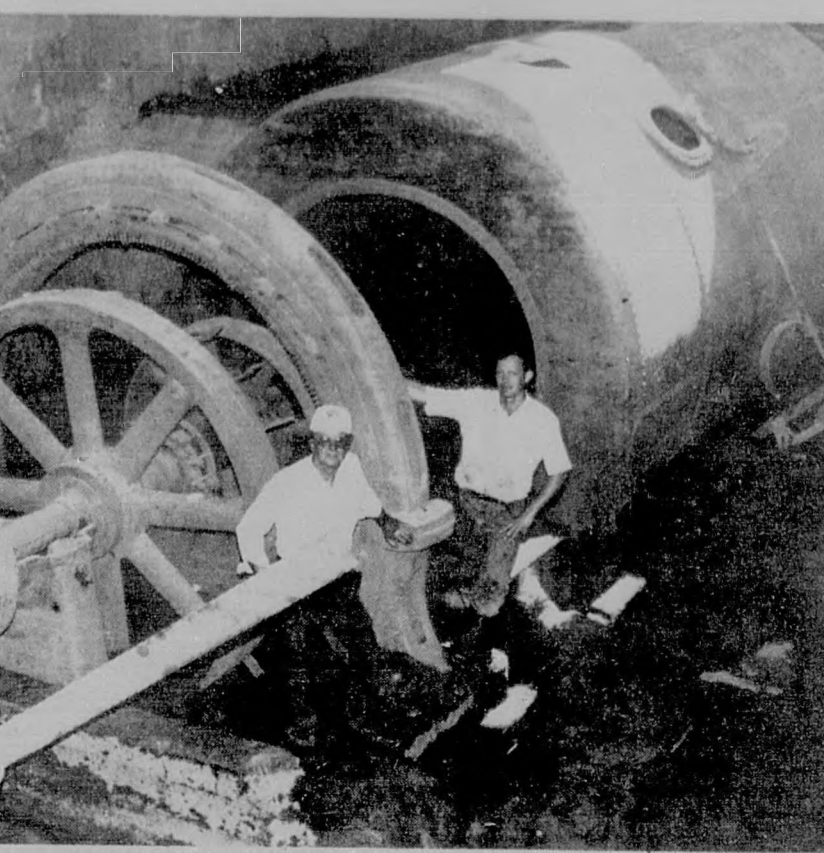
The plan would give the Elba school system an additional \$331,000. However Superintendent Charles Pearce said the totals were deceiving. \$197,000 of that amount would go for legislative mandated 8% pay raises for all employees. He added that \$120,000 of the increase would be earmarked for new school buses. This would leave \$14,000 which would quickly be eaten up by other state or federally mandated expenditures.

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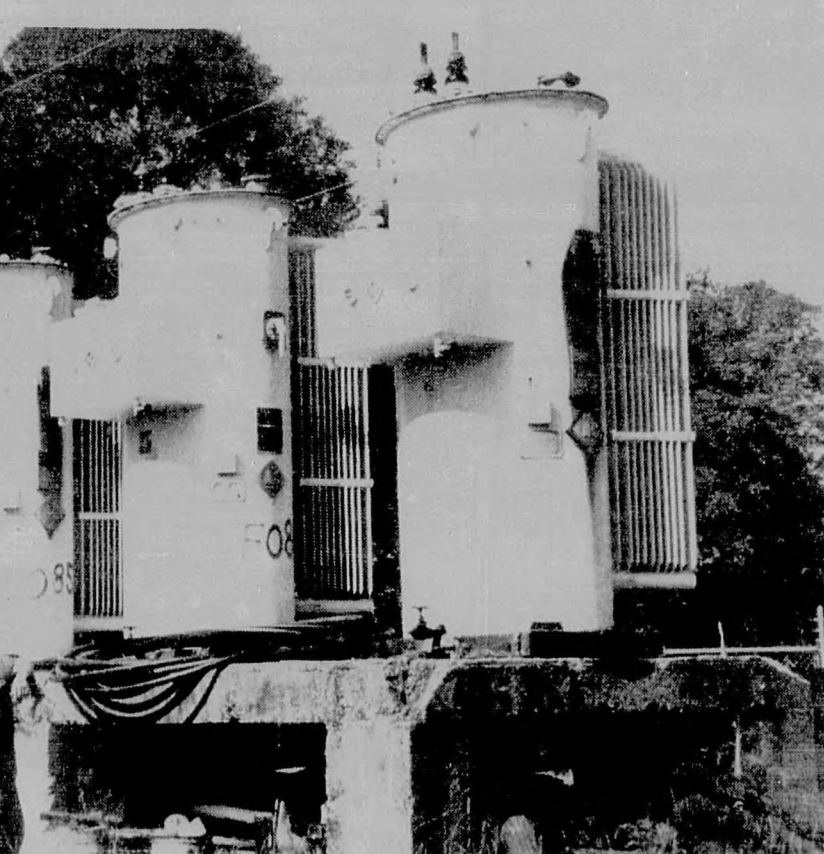
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LARGE TRANSFORMERS...The three transformers into which electrical power generated by the flowing waters are pictured above. Just how big the transformers are can be realized by how they compare in size with Ammons and Blenn as they stand beside them.

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hurt the more affluent districts and the plan announced by the school board hurts schools such as Elba.

Pearce also quoted from a recent report out of the state department of education which indicated local funding minimums could require Elba to raise \$50,000 in addition to the \$191,000 from the recent sales tax increase. This was using formulas in the education reform proposals before the Alabama legislature earlier this year.

For many years the state is making dire predictions of what may happen if this matter remains unsettled.

Present state funding for education expires on September 30th, at the end of the state's fiscal year. At present no funds have been released for the new year.

Some school superintendents in Alabama are suggesting a massive shutdown on that date until the funding matter is settled.

A number of problems are already facing school administrators. They must submit a budget to the state department. There is a deadline for filing this budget. The budget must be a balanced budget and there is no firm figures on how much state money (if any) will be available October 1, 1994. The unsettled equity lawsuit is holding up any school funding decisions.

Those requirements can't all be met at this time, or by the established deadlines, therefore it is impossible not to violate one or more of the regulations.

STOP SHOP ELBA CLIPPER CLASSIFIEDS

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Approval was given for Pool to rent five (5) pans (earth moving equipment) to be used in the closing of the old landfill and digging the new cell at the new landfill.

The total monthly rental cost for 3 - 11 yard capacity units, 1 - 23 yard capacity unit, and 1 - 17 yard capacity unit will be \$32,700.

No length of time for rental of the pans was specified; however, it was noted that funding would come from monies generated by the new landfill.

When asked about operators for the heavy equipment, Pool told commissioners that he would have qualified operators on the equipment even if he had to get on one himself.

Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that Pool make every effort to get all county roads open prior to the start of school.

"We need to do all we can to get these roads where school buses can go on them and pick up the children," Stephens said.

Kenneth Ball came before the commission requesting that action be taken on the Adult Day Care Center for Enterprise.

Previously, commissioners in their June 23rd meeting had voted to proceed with the preparation/negotiation of a lease agreement with the Enterprise Nursing Home Board (ENHB) on Dr. Stanley's old office building.

Ball presented commissioners with a proposed lease agreement resulting from those negotiations.

The lease agreement presented for approval, basically, was no different than what was discussed in the June meeting.

It consists of a three year lease at \$500 per month; ENHB will maintain insurance on the property; the health department will insure the contents and provide liability cover-

age; ENHB will be responsible for structural maintenance; and the Center will maintain general maintenance and the heating & cooling units.

The county will be responsible for the renovation work, including funding, needed to prepare the building for operation.

Ball reminded commissioners that the Elba Adult Day Care Center is at maximum capacity and another facility is desperately needed in Enterprise.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Bill Faulk made the motion to proceed with the signing of the lease and the necessary work to get the center in operation. It passed unanimously.

Some good news - Ball told commissioners that two additional vans would soon be placed in operation to transport adults to the centers. The vans will be paid for with funds received from the federal government.

After hearing a report on child support in Coffee County from Linda Bidelle and Bryan Morgan, the commission signed a resolution designating August as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Coffee County.

Bidelle told commissioners that, in Coffee County, there exist more than \$5,000,000 in arrears in child support payments. This is known as cases!

Morgan, who is an assistant district attorney, told commissioners that a "round-up" is planned for the county in the very near future.

We plan on having a round-up of forty hard core cases that we haven't had a payment on in years," said Morgan.

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4-H Livestock & Meat Teams win big at State Competition

Each year in the latter part of July teams from Coffee County compete in the Coffee county 4-H State Congress. Some of the events held there each year are the state 4-H livestock and meat judging competitions. Both of these events are very challenging and require a good bit of memorization and academic effort on the part of each competitor. There were four teams actually competing at state-level senior teams for livestock judging, one senior team for meat judging, and one junior team for meat judging.

The Coffee County team consisting of Amanda Britt, Matthew Farris, Christa Parrish, and Charlie Schaeffer, placed first in the state 4-H livestock judging competition. Coffee County had another team in the senior competition that placed seventh. That team consisted of Heath Hughes, Christa Parrish, Brandon White, and Charles Michaels. In individual awards Matthew Farris was second high individual in the state. Amanda Britt was third high individual in the state. This team will represent Alabama in the Nationals in either Richmond, Virginia, or Louisville, Kentucky.

In 4-H meat judging the senior team consisting of Charles Bozeman, Cornelius Burrows, Mark Windham and Reuben Moguel placed second in the state. The junior 4-H meat judging team consisting of Justin Hughes, Justin Campbell, Justin Lambert, Paul McMonagle, and Crystal Burrows placed first in the junior division at state.

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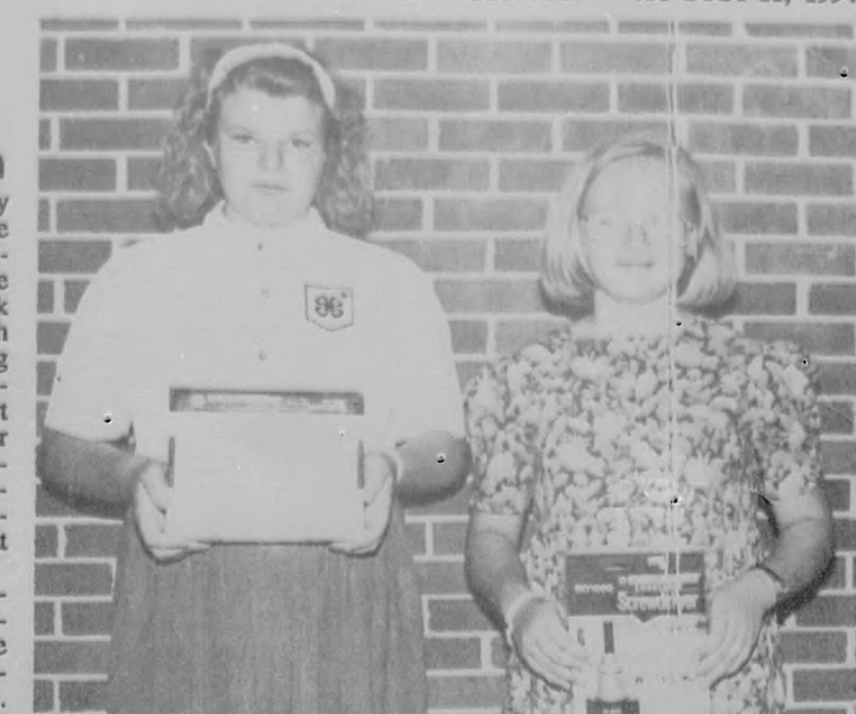
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JUNIOR 4-H WOOD SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION...Winners of the Junior 4-H Wood Science Demonstration at the 4-H Round-up in Troy were (from left to right) Jennifer Wells, first place, Kinston, and Whitney Sykes, second place, Pike County.

Sandra Coffey-County Agent Coordinator

Dietary Therapy: a possible solution for many people

Coffee Countians consume far too much fat, sodium and cholesterol, and they pay a heavy price for their poor eating habits.

In fact, three of the most common diseases in the United States—hypertension, heart disease and diabetes—are a least partly caused by poor eating habits.

Treating these diseases often requires expensive medical procedures such as coronary bypass surgery, angioplasty and drug medication. The high cost of these procedures has prompted many doctors to look for newer, cheaper ways to treat these diseases.

One alternative is diet therapy. Studies have shown that low-fat diets rich in fruits, grains and vegetables can actually work to unclog cholesterol-clogged arteries.

Moreover, some people who suffer from hypertension and diabetes are able to discard expensive drug medication by following a low-fat diet.

In addition to being considerably cheaper than conventional treatment methods, diet therapy appears to be effective and long-lasting.

Switching to a low-fat diet isn't as difficult as it may seem—even for many Southerners who have spent a lifetime eating fried foods. Many people have the wrong impression that low-fat diets are bland and tasteless. In fact, countless numbers of heart and diabetes patients who have been advised to cut their calories have discovered that low-fat diets can be delicious.

Some physicians now believe that people with diabetes or heart disease should first try a low-fat diet, coupled with moderate exercise. Patients should consider medication or surgery only if diet and exercise fail to work.

They believe the same policy should also apply to meals served at nursing homes, hospitals, and other facilities reimbursed by Medicaid and Medicare.

Some doctors also contend that the government should take steps to prevent people from developing diet-related diseases. They believe that all government-administered food programs—such as lunches served at prisons, schools and hospitals—ought to be low in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

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BOARD VOTES TO RETURN TO POLICY IN BOOK
W & E Board chairman expresses concern about board's stability during work session

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met in a special work session Monday night. Board Chairman Gladys Yelverton had called the meeting because of "Concerned about the stability of the Water and Electric Board. It would let board members know more about the operation of the board's policy."

Board members agreed to a job description Mrs. Yelverton had prepared for Mrs. Pat Boethe. It includes some customer account auditing and continuation of recording Water and Electric purchase order

information and other computer data input.